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EPSON Stylus® C86

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Unpack

- 1 Make sure you have all the parts shown here. If any parts are missing, contact Epson as described on the back of this sheet.



Printer



Software
CD-ROM



Quick Guide



Paper support

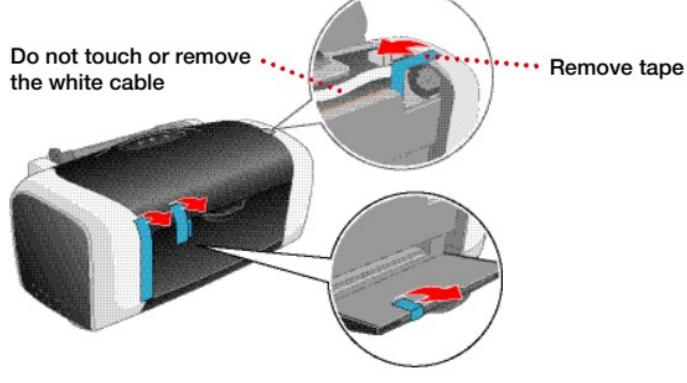


Power cord

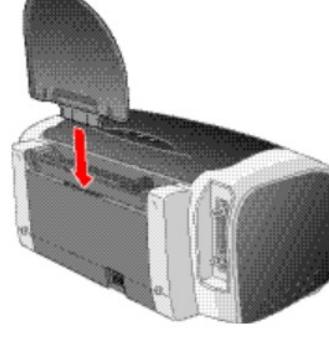


Ink cartridges

- 2 Remove any tape and packing material inside and around the printer. The tape may be in slightly different places on your printer, so check carefully.



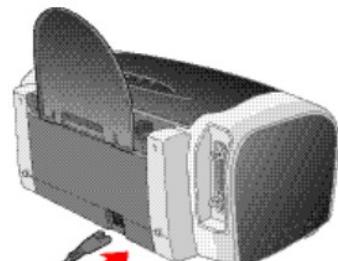
- 3 Slide the paper support into the slot on the back of the sheet feeder. The paper support should fit securely.



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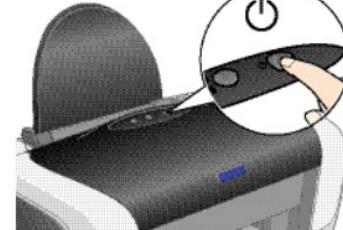
Power On

- 1 Connect the power cord to the printer, then plug it into a grounded electrical outlet.



- 2 Press the printer's power button until the green power light comes on.

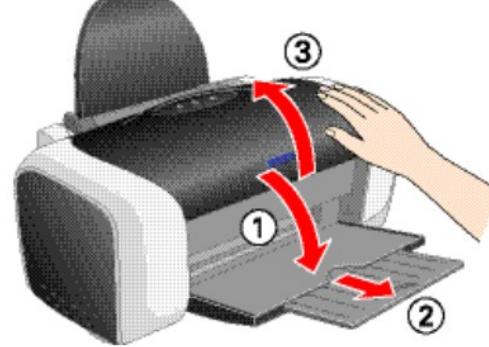
Caution: Use only the printer's power button to turn the printer on and off.



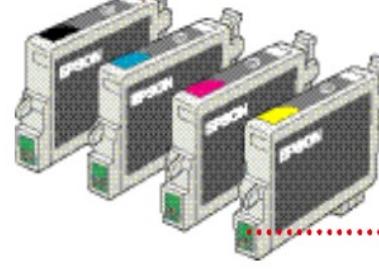
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Install Ink Cartridges

- 1** Lower the printer's output tray, pull out the extension, and open the cover.

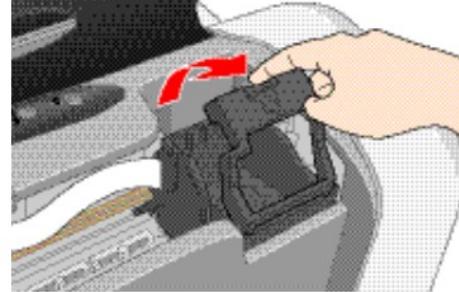


- 2** Shake the package of ink cartridges four or five times. Then remove the cartridges from the package. (Don't shake them after removing the packaging.)



Do not touch the green circuit boards or remove any labels

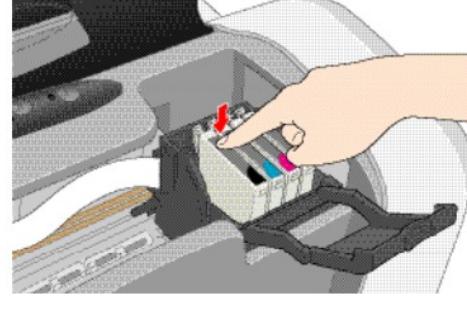
- 3** Open the cartridge cover.



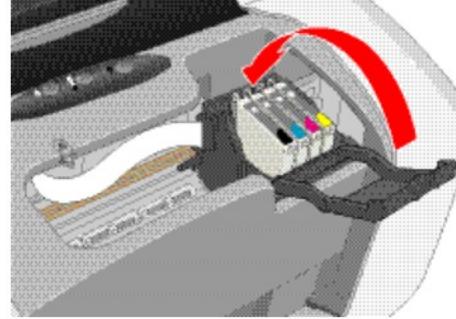
- 4** Lower each ink cartridge into its holder with the green circuit board facing the front.

Then gently push each ink cartridge down until it is firmly seated.

The color of the cartridge label should match the marker on the cartridge cover.

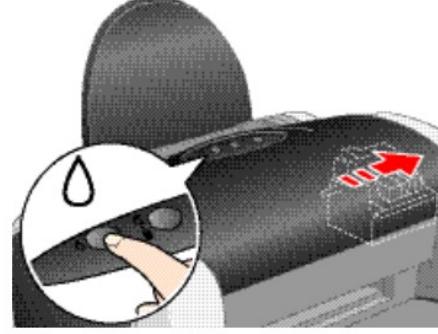


- 5** Close the cartridge cover.



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- 6** Close the printer cover, then press the  ink button.



The green  power light flashes as your printer charges ink for a few minutes.

Caution: Don't turn off the printer while the green  power light is flashing, unless the printer hasn't moved or made noise for more than 5 minutes.

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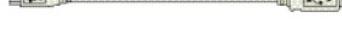
Connect the Printer

Printer cables are not included with your printer. You need **only one** of the following cables:

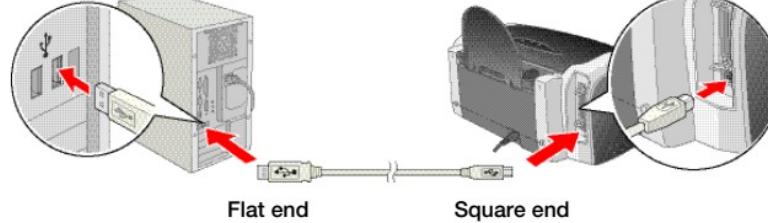
- USB cable (Windows® or Macintosh®) **or**
- Parallel cable (Windows only).

Note: If you have Windows NT® 4.x, you must use a parallel cable.

USB Cable Users (Windows or Mac®)



- 1** Make sure your computer is turned off. Keep it turned off until section 6, "Install Software."
- 2** Plug the  square end of the cable into the USB port on the back of the printer.
- 3** Plug the  flat end of the cable into your computer's USB port until it stops. (You can use any open USB port.)



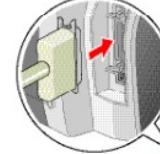
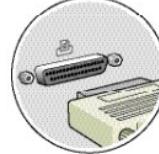
Flat end

Square end

Parallel Cable Users (Windows only)



- 1** Make sure your computer is turned off. Keep it turned off until section 6, "Install Software."
- 2** Plug the end of the cable with the slotted connector into the parallel port on the side of the printer, then secure it with the wire clips.
- 3** Plug the end of the cable with the screws on the side into your computer's parallel port and secure it.



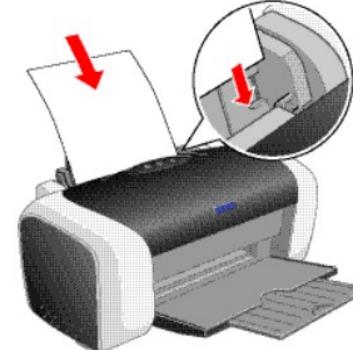
End with screws

Slotted end

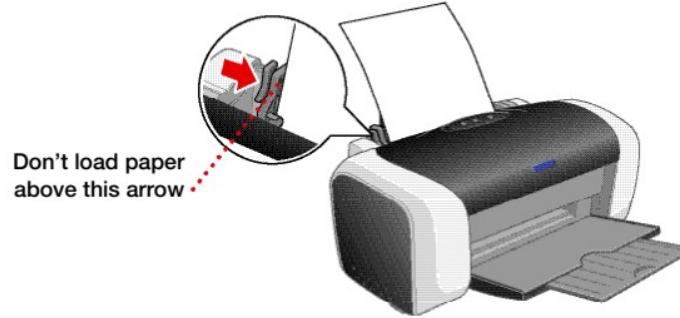
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Load Paper

- Fan a few sheets of paper and place them against the right edge guide. Make sure the paper is under the tabs on the edge guides.



- Press in the side of the left edge guide and slide it against the paper, but not too tightly.



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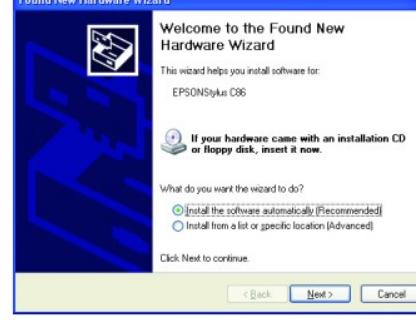
Install Software

Follow the appropriate steps below to install the software for **Windows XP**, **Windows Me**, **Windows 98**, **Windows 2000**, or **Macintosh**.

For instructions on installing the software on Windows NT 4.0, see your *Quick Guide*.

Windows XP

- Make sure your printer is connected and turned on. Then turn on your computer.
- Wait for Windows to detect your printer and display a screen like this:



DON'T CLICK ANY BUTTONS ON THIS SCREEN.

Note: If a screen like this doesn't appear, make sure your printer is turned on and connected.

- Put the Epson CD in your CD-ROM or DVD drive and wait a few seconds for the CD to be recognized.
- Your printer software installs automatically and various messages appear on the screen.
- When installation halts, click **Finish**. You see the license agreement.
- Read the agreement and click **Agree**.

You see the Options Menu. Continue with the instructions in "**Finishing Windows Installation**" on the back of this sheet.

Windows 98 and Me

- 1** Make sure your printer is connected and turned on. Then turn on your computer.
- 2** Wait for Windows to detect your printer and display a screen like this:



DON'T CLICK ANY BUTTONS ON THIS SCREEN.

Note: If a screen like this doesn't appear, make sure your printer is turned on and connected.

- 3** Put the Epson CD in your CD-ROM or DVD drive and wait a few seconds for the CD to be recognized.
- 4** Click **Next** on the Add New Hardware Wizard Screen. (In Windows Me, you may not need to click **Next**.)

98 If you're using Windows 98, continue with step 5.

Me If you're using Windows Me, go to step 9.

- 5** When you see this screen, click the **Search for option**, then click **Next**.



- 6** When you see this screen, click **CD-ROM drive**. Make sure **Specify a location** is not checked, then click **Next**.



- 7** At the next screen, click **Next**. Installation proceeds automatically.
- 8** When installation halts, click **Finish**. Your computer detects your printer again.
- 9** Do one of the following:
 - 98** Click **Next** on each of the four screens that follow.
 - Me** Click **Next** on the next screen. When the **Add Printer Wizard** screen appears, click **Finish**.
- 10** When installation halts, click **Finish**. You see the license agreement.
- 11** Read the agreement and click **Agree**.

Continue with the instructions in "[Finishing Windows Installation](#)" in the next column.

Windows 2000

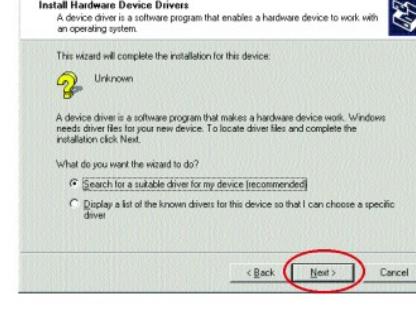
- 1** Make sure your printer is connected and turned on. Then turn on your computer.
- 2** Wait for Windows to detect your printer and display a screen like this:



DON'T CLICK ANY BUTTONS ON THIS SCREEN.

Note: If a screen like this doesn't appear, make sure your printer is turned on and connected.

- 3** Put the Epson CD in your CD-ROM or DVD drive and wait a few seconds for the CD to be recognized.
- 4** Click **Next** on the Found New Hardware Wizard screen.
- 5** When you see this screen, click the **Search for** option, then click **Next**.



- 6** Click **CD-ROM** drive, then click **Next**. Make sure **Specify a location** is not checked.
- 7** At the next screen, click **Next**. Installation proceeds automatically.
- 8** When installation halts, click **Finish**.
- 9** Read the agreement and click **Agree**. Continue with the instructions in "Finishing Windows Installation".

Finishing Windows Installation

- 1** Make sure you have paper loaded in the printer. Then click **Print a Test Page** to check that your printer is set up correctly.
- 2** Click **Install Epson Software Film Factory**. If you want the program, click **Install**.
If you see a message about installing QuickTime®, click **Yes** and follow the instructions on the screen. You don't need a registration number.
- 3** Click **Install Printer User's Guide**.
- 4** Click **Add Epson Photo Website Links** and follow the instructions on the screen. Then click **Back** to return to the Options menu.
- 5** Click **Install Epson Web-To-Page** and follow the instructions on the screen.
- 6** When you're finished, click **Exit** to close the Options menu.
- 7** When you see the Epson Product Registration screen, register your printer as instructed, then remove the Epson CD.



You're ready to print! See your *Quick Guide* for details.

Macintosh

Note: To print from Macintosh Classic applications as well as OS X applications, follow the steps below in OS X, then restart your Macintosh in OS 9 and follow the steps below again.

- 1** Make sure your printer is connected and turned on. Then turn on your Macintosh.
- 2** Put the Epson CD in your CD-ROM or DVD drive and wait a few seconds for the CD to be recognized.
- 3** If the CD-ROM window doesn't open automatically, double-click the Epson CD-ROM icon. Then double-click  **Epson** installer.
- 4** When you see the license agreement, read it and click **Agree**.
- 5** At the Options Menu, click **Install Printer Driver**. In Mac OS X, enter your administrator password and click **OK**.
- 6** Follow the instructions on the screen to install the software.



- 7** Click **Install Epson Software Film Factory**. If you want the program, click **Install** and follow the instructions on the screen.
- 8** Click **Install Printer User's Guide**.
- 9** Click **Share Photos Online** and follow the instructions on the screen.
- 10** Click **Explore Photo Projects Online** and follow the instructions on the screen.
- 11** When you're finished, click **Exit** to close the Options Menu.

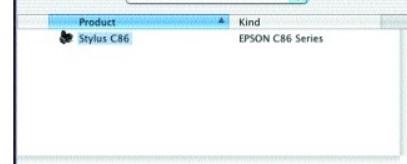
12 When you see the Epson Product Registration screen, register your printer as instructed, then remove the Epson CD and restart your Macintosh.

Continue with the instructions below for your operating system.

Mac OS X

- 1** Open the Applications folder on your hard drive, then open the Utilities folder and select **Print Center** or **Printer Setup Utility**. If necessary, click **Add**.
- 2** On the Printer List screen, click the **Add** button.
- 3** Select **EPSON USB** from the pull-down list, click **Stylus C86**, then select **All** from the Page Setup drop-down list.

Note: If you don't see your printer in the Printer List, make sure the printer is turned on and connected.



- 4** Click **Add**. You see the printer list with the **Stylus C86** and **Stylus C86 (Sheet Feeder - Borderless)** printer options.
- 5** Close the Print Center or Printer Setup Utility.

You're ready to print! See your *Quick Guide* for details.

Mac OS 9

- 1** Open the Apple® menu and select **Chooser**.
- 2** Click the **C86 Series** icon, click your USB port, and turn on Background printing.
- 3** Close the Chooser.

You're ready to print! See your *Quick Guide* for details.

Questions?

Here's where to look for answers:

Quick Guide

Check this handy booklet for step-by-step instructions on printing documents and photos, replacing ink cartridges, and solving common problems.



On-screen Printer User's Guide

Double-click the **Printer User's Guide** icon on your desktop to view detailed information about your Epson Stylus C86.

On-screen Help for Epson Software™ Film Factory™

Click the **Help** button or question mark that appears on the screen when you're using the program. In Windows you can also go to **Start > Programs (or All Programs) > Film Factory > Getting Started Guide**.

EPSON Technical Support

- **World Wide Web**

From the Internet, you can reach Epson Support at <http://support.epson.com>. Here you can download drivers and other files, look at product documentation and troubleshooting information, and receive technical advice through e-mail.

- **Automated Telephone Services**

A variety of automated help services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To use these services, you must have a touch tone telephone and call (800) 922-8911. Your Epson SoundAdviceSM Express Code is 70535. Use this code to quickly select the Epson Stylus C86 in SoundAdvice.

How To Get Paper and Ink

Use genuine EPSON inks and paper to get the best results from your EPSON printer! You can purchase ink cartridges, paper, and accessories from your local retailer or from the EPSON StoreSM at (800) 873-7766, or visit www.epsonstore.com (U.S. sales only). In Canada, please call (800) 463-7766 for dealer referral.

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T044120
Standard Black
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T043120
High Capacity
Black Ink
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Cyan Ink
Cartridge

T044320
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Cartridge

T044420
Yellow Ink
Cartridge



DURABrite Ink Glossy Photo Paper

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Premium Bright White Paper

Premium Bright White Paper has a sleek, ultra-smooth surface, and 108+ brightness. This paper delivers crisp black text and vivid, colorful images. It's perfect for everyday printing—especially two-sided documents.



Double-Sided Matte Paper

Double-Sided Matte Paper is coated on both sides with a flat matte finish for photographic quality output. It's the ideal paper when you need high-quality double-sided printing for brochures, newsletters, or flyers.

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